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1. SUMMARY: MEETING OF ASEAN DEP SECRETARY GENERALS IN KL
AUG 19-20 TO DISCUSS COORDINATED POLICY FOR 29TH UNGA DISCUSSED
TWO PRINCIPAL ISSUES: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AND AN ASIAN
NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. INDONESIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT EFFORTS
TO REPLACE GKR DELEGATION WITH GRUNK BE HEADED OFF BY PROPOSAL
FOR UN FACT FINDING OR STUDY COMMITTEE. MALAYSIANS PROPOSED
THAT STUDY COMMITTEE BE MADE UP OF COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE
RELATIONS EITHER WITH GKR OR WITH GRUNK. ASEAN REPS CONCLUDED
THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD EXTEND RECOGNITION TO ANY "LEGITIMATE"
KHMER GOVERNMENT WITHOUT DEFINING "LEGITIMATE" AND AGREED TO
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CONSULT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON COMMITTEE PROPOSAL WITH FINAL DECISION

TO BE TAKEN AT PLANNED ASEAN DELEGATION CHIEFS MEETING IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED THIS WEEK'S MEETING OF ASEAN DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL WITH COUNSELORS OF SINGAPORE HIGH COMMISSION AND KHMER EMBASSY AND WITH MFA'S PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY (PAS) FOR UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS. SINGAPOREAN CONFIRMED THAT CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE WAS ONE OF TWO PRINCIPAL TOPICS DISCUSSED AT AUGUST 19-20 (NOT 20-21 AS REPORTED REF C). MEETING; THE OTHER WAS THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR AN ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. HE SAID THAT THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION SOUGHT AN ASEAN CONSENSUS ON ITS PROPOSAL TO SEEK ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACT FINDING OR STUDY COMMITTEE TO HEAD OFF PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION TO SEAT GRUNK AT 29TH UNGA. OTHER DELEGATIONS (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING SINGAPORE'S). COULD NOT APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL SINCE THEY WERE UNSTRUCTURED, BUT AGREED THEY WOULD INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. A CONSENSUS WAS REACHED THAT ASEAN WOULD SUPPORT ANY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA BUT DEFINITION OF THE WORD LEGITIMATE WAS NOT STIPULATED.

3. SINGAPORE COUNSELLOR OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT PROPOSAL WAS AN ATTRACTIVE ONE AND FELT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT BUT NOT SPONSOR IT. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY COULD BE OBTAINED TO PASS IT. HE SAID THAT ONE PROBLEM THAT AROSE WAS QUESTION OF FACT FINDING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION SINCE ASEAN REPS FELT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT WANT TO BE REPRESENTED. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH MFA PSA IT WAS LEARNED THAT MALAYSIA PROPOSED THAT COMMITTEE BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG GOVERNMENTS THAT DO NOT RECOGNIZE EITHER THE GKR OR GRUNK. CAMBODIAN COUNSELLOR HAS CONFIRMED OUTLINES OF ABOVE WITH THAI EMBASSY HERE.

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